

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 5, 2024

WELCOME TO AMAZING GRACE

All are welcome here where Christ is host.

Assembly's response is in bold print. Please join in singing, praying and in all ways participate whether in person or joining via livestream. Please note, that all Sunday worship services are also on Facebook live and on the Amazing Grace website. Your presence in person grants Amazing Grace permission to include your image in those places. If you prefer not to be in the video online, please sit in the back half of the sanctuary.

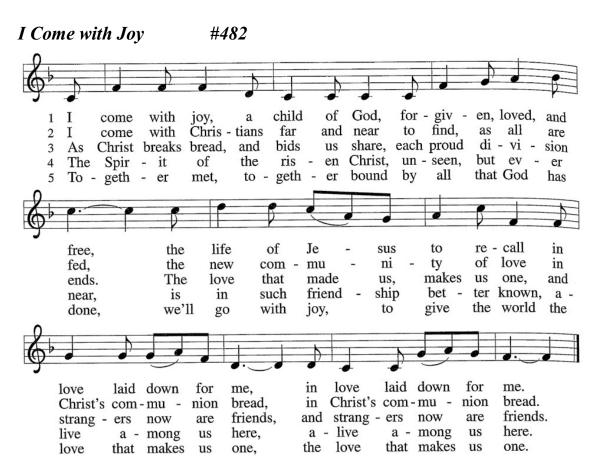
GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

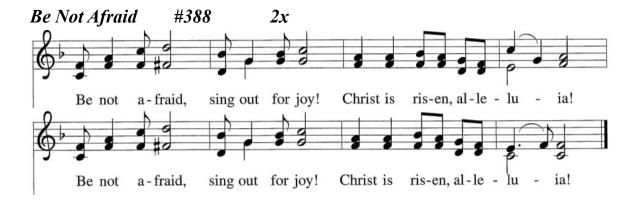
GREETING AND WELCOME

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



SILENCE



CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to our God a new song.

God has done marvelous things!

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

Let the world and its people sing together for joy!

Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

We have been called to follow Christ by obeying his one commandment: that we love one another as he has loved us. Let us confess how we have fallen short of that love. *Silence is kept for reflection*.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we have not loved you or each other with our whole hearts. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us toward wholeness, that we may be filled with your joy. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Christ loves us so much that he laid down his life for us and calls us his friends.

If we can forgive our friends, how much more does Christ forgive us!

Amen.

PRAYER

Loving God, help us to love others as Christ has loved us.
Bring us into the spiritual joy of living our lives as your friend, and teach us to abide in your love, that we may show that love to the world. Amen.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, and song.

Acts 10:44-48

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. ⁴⁶ For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ "Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have." ⁴⁸ So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

¹ Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. ² The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the

nations.

³ He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

<sup>Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music;
make music to the LORD with the harp,</sup>

with the harp and the sound of singing, ⁶ with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—

shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

⁷ Let the sea resound, and everything in

the world, and all who live in it.

⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy;

⁹ let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand for the gospel reading, if you are able)

John 15:9-17 9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. 10 If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love.

¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I

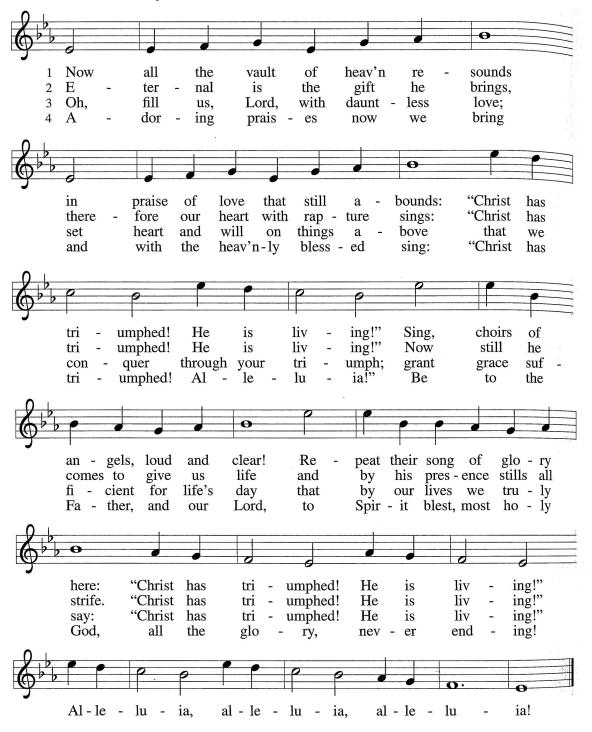
command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.

Word of God. Word of life. Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds #367



YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried:

he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the
Father, and he will come to
judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use

PRAYERS

The prayers are longings of the people of God, entrusted with praying for God's church, God's world, all God's beloved and for the concerns of our hearts that God's peace and righteousness will guide our lives. The worship assistant will name the general needs for which we pray. The people are invited to name aloud or in silence the specific needs which the Spirit is calling forth in your prayer.

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need of good news.

Hear us O God...

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of God's peace in the comments and with those around you.

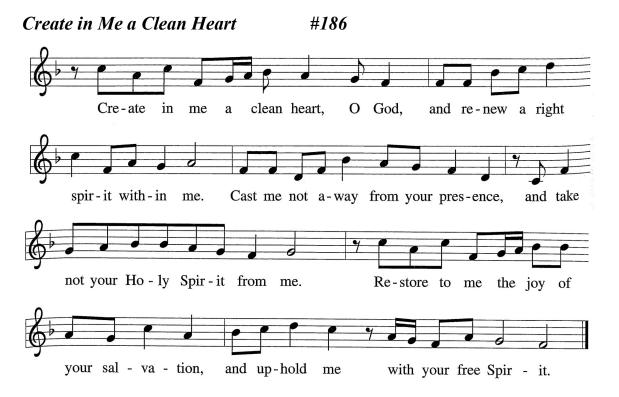
MEAL

In response to the Good News an offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need as the table is prepared.

OFFERING

We respond to the good news of God's grace and love with our offerings of money, time,

and talent. Everything belongs to God. We return a portion of what God has entrusted to us for the sake of ministries in and through Amazing Grace that share God's love here, in our community and around the world. Offerings and tithes may be mailed into the church office, an automatic withdrawal from your bank can be set up or an online payment can be made through the church website by clicking on "Giving".



PRAYER

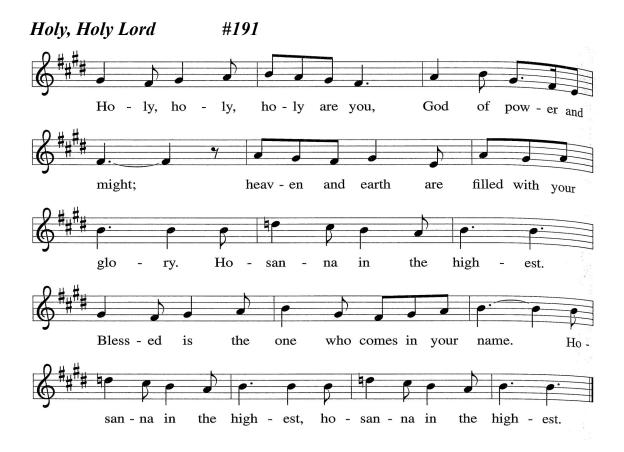
Let us pray.
Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disci-

ples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my

blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

We join in praying as Jesus taught us to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those Who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, And the power, and the glory, Forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION

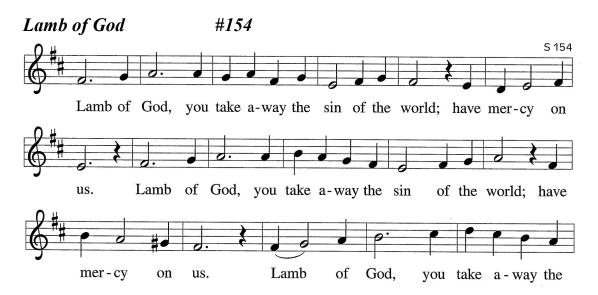
The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Red wine and white grape juice are both available. Please ask if you prefer gluten free wafers. We receive the bread and dip it into either the wine or grape juice, returning to our seats by the side aisle.

At Amazing Grace, everyone is invited to the Lord's Supper. At home, you may serve each other the bread and wine with these words: **The body of Christ given for you.** The blood of Christ shed for you.

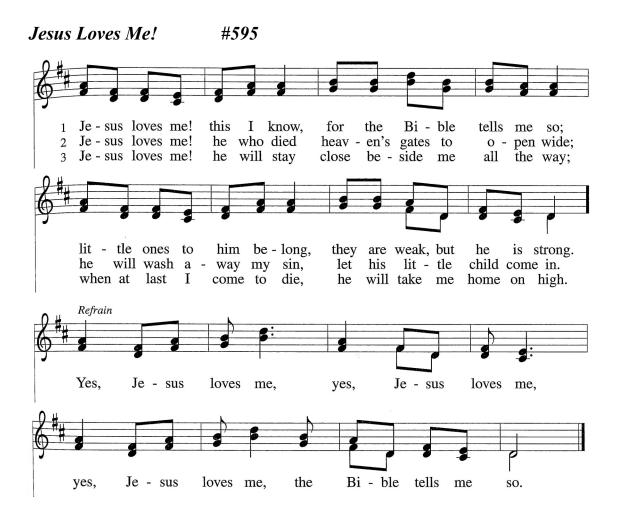
There is no hierarchy, there are no distinctions in the Kingdom of God! We are all the same at the foot of the cross!





Only A Shadow





SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.

Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend. Amen.

BLESSING

May the righteous fairness of God, the loving friendship of Christ, and the gift of the Holy Spirit go with you all.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our passionate worship always sends us back out into the world where we live the good news of Jesus in our daily lives through: radical hospitality, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission and service and extravagant generosity.

CELEBRATIONS

Kristine Burns, April 29 Stephen Natwick, April 29 Adam Sykes, April 29 Al Kelling, May 1 Molly Gundersen, May 2 Kari Ann Larson, May 2 Michael Mendoza, May 2 Marti Debandt, May 3

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Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. Ok we will! Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED, OUR SERVICE BEGINS!

God's people join in prayer for: Geoff Hirschfeld, Ronan, Alec Pugh, Marti Debandt, Xander Johnstone, Mike Erickson, Kris Gienger & Family, Krista, Chris Castillo, K. Bramstedt, Janice Harder, Sam Rabung, Kristin Mullen, Pastor Eric Utto-Galarneau and family, Tobi Buckman, Monica Olden, Cheri, Dana, Susan Bylund, Dean Christianson, Emmersyn, Josiah, Mert Turner, Audra Wieler, Michael Silver, Helen Velling, Linda, Tom Plumlee and we pray for family and friends mourning the death of Alice Johnstone. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

for those unemployed or underemployed; those ill or dying; those displaced from their homes around the world, especially those seeking asylum, fleeing violence, poverty, and despair in Afghanistan, Central and South America and Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, and the Middle East region.

for those who have served in the military in the past and for those in active military service: especially John Kupka.

for those who live on the margins in our own community: those who live outside, in cars, or in unstable housing; those who live with food insecurity; those who are unemployed or under-employed.

for those who work for the care of the vulnerable in our community in: Temporary housing, Health care, Food Banks, Family Promise, Salvation Army and Union Gospel Mission.

(We periodically update the prayer list. Please contact the office 532-8250 to let us know if we should continue praying for the person whose name you submitted.) Contact Brenda Grant at brenda k grant@hotmail.com or Kathy Wehage at kwehage55@yahoo.com

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

May 5

Presider:
Preacher:
Mike Hildreth
Young People's Message:
Mike Hildreth
Liturgist:
Greg Johnstone
Reader/Communion Assistant:
Marti Debandt
Communion Bread Baker:
Lynette Lile

Ushers/Greeters: Joan & William Rabung

Depositors: Mike Hubbard & Greg Johnstone

Fellowship Hosts: Shaw, Green, O'Connor, Lokken, Twigg, Fernandez

Communion setup: Cynthia Johnstone

Stream Team: Keith Lile

May 12

Presider:Hank BilderbackPreacher:Hank BilderbackYoung People's Message:Ruth Ann Carlson

Liturgist: Keith Lile

Reader/Communion Assistant: Kristine Finazzo

Communion Assistants: Theresa Kaufman & Darci Jewitt

Communion Bread Baker: Lynette Lile

Ushers/Greeters: Roger and Carmon Shaw

Depositors: Kathy Wehage & Joelle Buckman Fellowship Hosts: Carle, Torgerson, Smalley/Safstrom

Communion setup:Laura Carle **Stream Team:**Amy Ostwald

THIS WEEK AT AMAZING GRACE

MAY 5	9:00 AM	CHOIR
	10:00 AM	WORSHIP
	11:00 AM	FELLOWSHIP
MAY 7	11:00 AM	SENIOR ART GROUP
MAY 8	5:30 PM	AA
	6:00 PM	
MAY 9	9:00 AM	MASTER QUILTERS

OFFICE HOURS

Church office open: Monday 8-1, Tuesday & Thursday 8-2, & Friday 8-11. AGLC Office 360.532.8250 amazing 111@comcast.net

If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Doug Knutson-Keller 360.339.3773 and doug.knutsonkeller@gmail.com

Office hours for Pastor Doug: Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10 am to 4 pm. Flexible depending on evening meetings.

On scheduled Sundays he is available for meetings with committees after fellowship and private meetings.

NAMIBIA BANNER

If you have seen or placed the banner (the banner is about 2' x1' and is dark green) in a safe location in the church, please notify Vicky at the church office by phone or email or notify Diane Hanson at 360-581-4806. Banner may also be dropped off at office during office hours as listed in bulletin.

ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have any new announcements that you would like included in the bulletin and Grace Notes for the upcoming week, please turn them into the office by 12pm on Thursday. Please send in announcement format. If deadline is missed, the announcement will be included in the following week's bulletin and Grace Notes.

SERVING AT AMAZING GRACE

DISCUSSION ON FLAGS IN CHURCH - TODAY

Since the last meeting with Pastor Vance ran long, not everyone was able to stay the whole time and participate in the discussion about where it is appropriate to display the American Flag in the church. We will have another discussion session after service. As per Pastor Vance's recommendation, this session will be run by the church council instead of Pastor Vance.

The article on *Are Flags Appropriate in Church* available with Grace Notes and in Sanctuary.

NEW STREAMERS

In the month of May we invite any new streamers to observe the streaming process during the church service as there is room to do so.

Every Thursday in May, from 5:30 to 7:00, we will go over basic system operations. Please show up when you are able.

UNION GOSPEL MISSION May 7

Kristine Finazzo, Leader Michelle Weiberg, Lynette Lile, Marti Debandt, Guy Harper, Kris Gienger

Substitutes: Hiedi Seelke, Carmon Shaw: 360-532-2940

Doug from UGM says to plan on 35-45 dinner guests and to have food there between 3-4:00.

Team leaders need to contact Doug on cell phone prior so he can give current numbers, 360 888 6382

If food needs to be heated up or cooked drop off earlier.

You may deliver food to the door in the alley. Ring the bell by the door and they will come and get the food.

FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE

- FPGH is hosting a Summer Friend Raising Concert featuring Angel Phoenix and The Man (with Special Guests) at Grays Harbor Foursquare on Friday, July 12 at 6:30 PM. Tickets are \$10 each or \$50 per family for up to 6 members and can be purchased by scanning the QR Code, visiting bit.ly/4apWya8, or calling the Family Promise Center at 360-986-3944.
- Save the date! Our 2nd Annual "There's No Place Like Home" Dinner & Auction Benefit will be held at 5 PM on Saturday, September 14 at the Rotary Log Pavilion. Want to volunteer? Contact Arlene Torgerson or Darci Jewitt. Especially if you are interested in helping as an Auction Coordinator. Stay tuned for more information!

AMAZING GRACE PASTORIAL TRANSITION 2024

Please let the Transition Team know your hopes and dreams regarding Amazing Grace's future as we move towards receiving a new pastor. This is "required step" in the process leading up to Pastor Selec-

tion. There are four ways to respond:

- 1. PICK UP a transition survey from the coffee table in Parish Hall, fill it out and return it to the envelope on the Transition Bulletin Board
- 2. E-MAIL your responses to <u>agletransition@gmail.com</u>
- 3. USE THE QR CODE on the written survey to respond on your phone
- 4. CONTACT a team member below to arrange a personal or phone interview. (Before this part of the process is finalized, we are also directly calling folks we haven't heard from, in an effort to make sure voices do not go unheard).

Vicki Mitchell@ 360-537-0077, Mike Hildreth@ 408-603-3302, Sarah Channel @360-888-9538, Marti DeBandt@ 360 591-6979, William Rabung @360-580-4103, Kristine Finazzo@ 360-532-6053

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PASTORAL CARE

If you or someone you know needs a call from the Pastor please contact Pastor Doug at 360.339.3773 and doug.knutsonkeller@gmail.com

GROWING AT AMAZING GRACE

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Youth and families will meet **TODAY**,

following worship in the fireside room.

AMAZING GRACE & SARON YOUTH SPAGHETTI FEED FUNDRAISER

May 7, 2024 from 5:00pm-7:00pm.

Our Youth Groups are raising money for family camp, Sunday School & VBC. Tickets are \$10 each or \$30 for 4.

Opportunity drawings & auction will be

held after dinner.

Amazing Grace youth will be selling tickets following worship on Sunday, May 5th. Tickets are available at the door, as well. Dinner will be held at Saron Lutheran in Hoquiam.

360-532-4611 sarongraysharbor@gmail.com

SPRING CLOSET CLEANING

Please check your closets and dressers for any clothing you wish to donate.

We will deliver them to the clothing bank and Salvation Army.

Looking for lighter summer wear for the

homeless and low income.

We will collect through the month of May.

Place in the laundry basket in the Parish Hall.

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy One, I begin today breathing in your love for me,

for others, and for the world.

Keep me mindful of all the marvelous

you are doing around and within me today.

Help me to feel my friendship with Jesus and his confidence in me.

Maintain in my heart the image of myself

bearing the fruit of Christ's love everywhere I go today. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God, you are both judge and friend.

Even as I review my day, I give it over to you.

I let go of the good, the bad, and the inbetween,

trusting in your care for me.

I am content this night to abide in your

I breathe in your joy and your peace. Whatever I need, I ask of you in Jesus' name. Amen.

AMAZING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

VISION
A welcoming place where grace happens!

MISSION
To experience and share God's love through worship, education and Community

VALUES Radical Hospitality

Passionate worship

Intentional faith development

Risk-taking mission and service

Extravagant generosity



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